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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### Galena Park replaces police chief

Galena Park's police chief, Edward Mata, was replaced by Mayor Esmeralda Moya and City Commissioner Rodney Chersky this week, according to media sources.

The Mayor was reportedly unhappy with Mata



because he let an audience member, former City Commissioner Serna, speak out several words of disagreement during the last Commissioner's meeting on Tuesday, February 21. He warned her not to speak during the meeting, but did not remove her from the room, which is what the Mayor thought should have been done.

The city reportedly appointed a new "interim" police chief from the department's roster. Mata had been chief since last June 2016, and also served on the force as an officer, prior to 2014.

### North Shore Little League Opening Day

North Shore Little League's Opening Day will take place Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9 am - 6 pm at 355 Catlegory, across the street from North Shore Senior High School.

## County will test additional wells

Harris County has announced that they will test additional private water wells in Highlands and Channelview. The project is named Phase II Drinking Water Well Sampling Project, and is a joint collaboration between Pct. 2, Pollution Control, and Public Health departments of the county. It is being paid for by funds from the settlement obtained from the PRP (Potential Responsible Parties) in the Waste Pits lawsuit. Private wells in the 77530 and 77562 zip codes are eligible, if they meet other criteria listed below. (SEE MAP TO THE RIGHT FOR PURPLE AREAS). If you are qualified, you must call 713-

274-0911 before March 10 to register. Calls will be returned with an acknowledgement.

Testing will be performed at no cost to homeowners, and results will be provided to each.

Qualification Criteria:  
-- Property Owner must sign a consent form;

-- Property must be located in areas shown on the map;

-- Drinking water on property must be provided from a single family, privately owned residential well, with no other water source;

-- Properties that were previously sampled in Phase I are not eligible for resampling.



### 3 to vie for 2 positions on San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Positions to be filled in election on Saturday, May 6, 2017

PASADENA, Texas — Three candidates have qualified for the ballot for two positions on the San Jacinto Community College District Board of Trustees. The election will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017. Early voting runs Monday, April 24, 2017 through Tuesday, May 2, 2017, except Saturdays and Sundays.

Board of Trustees Positions 1 and 2 will be filled in the election. Each position is for a six-year term. Mr. Rick Guerrero and Mrs. Erica Davis Rouse have filed for Position 1. Dr. Ruède Wheeler, incumbent, is the only person to have filed for Position 2.

#### Mr. Rick Guerrero

Mr. Rick Guerrero was born and raised in Brownsville, Texas and attended Texas Southmost College. He moved to the Pasadena area in 1983 where he is and has been actively involved in the community. Mr. Guerrero is Broker / Owner of ARG Real Estate, LLC in Pasadena and has been in business for eight years. He serves as chairman of The Salvation

Army of East Harris County, is a trustee on the Bayshore Medical Center Board, and is a board member on the Pasadena Philharmonic Board and the San Jacinto College Foundation Board of Directors. Mr. Guerrero also serves the City of Pasadena as a Planning and Zoning commissioner, and is a Board member on the city's Crime Control District and Flood Control District. He is past chairman of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and Pasadena Education Foundation, and is past president of the Pasadena Hispanic Business Council and Kiwanis of Pasadena.

Mr. Guerrero and his wife Maria have been married for 16 years and together they have a blended family of two daughters and two sons, all of whom attended San Jacinto College before moving on to major universities. Mr. Guerrero states that he has a passion for service in his community and strives to provide the necessary tools for students to succeed in their studies. He believes in training and

educating students for today's workforce demands.

#### Mrs. Erica Davis Rouse

Mrs. Erica Davis Rouse is a native of Galena Park, Texas. She moved to the South Belt area as a child and has continued to make South Belt her home, where she is raising her family. Mrs. Davis Rouse has a passion for community and education. Her parents lived and still live a lifestyle that modeled service and giving. Her mother, Mrs. Gloria Davis, is Galena Park ISD and Pasadena ISD retired teacher and counselor, and her father is a retired postmaster.

In her current role as a manager for John Wiley & Sons, Mrs. Davis Rouse is familiar with the challenges faced by students and faculty in the community college environment. She has volunteered with several non-profits including Making it Better Texas.org, Yellowstone Academy, and is an advisor

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### Rep. Gene Green to host College Financial Aid Workshop

HOUSTON, TX—Congressman Gene Green invites Houston-area students and parents to a FREE Financial Aid Workshop on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium of C.E. King High School Auditorium located at 8540 C.E. King Parkway, Houston, TX 77044.

During this free seminar, representatives from The Sallie Mae Fund and Project GRAD Houston will speak to families on applying for scholarships, financial aid, and the important factors to consider when selecting the school that fits them. In addition, local colleges and universities will have representatives present with information about their institutions, giving students the chance to speak with them one-on-one. Several universities will award

scholarships onsite to attending high school seniors at the end of the college prep PowerPoint presentation.

"I want every student to have the option to attend college, regardless of financial background," said Rep. Green. "This event is an opportunity to present our community with as many resources as possible, so that they are able to make the best educational and financial choices for themselves and their families. It is my hope that every student who attends this event walks away feeling more confident that the cost of college can be made affordable."

Participating colleges: University of Houston, UH-Downtown, Texas Southern University, Houston Community College – Northeast, San Jacinto College North, and Lone Star College.

## NEW AREA BUSINESS

### Frost Bank holds Ribbon Cutting



Frost Bank's new branch on I-10 East held a ribbon cutting last Wednesday, Feb. 15, and finished the week with a Chuck-Wagon Lunch on Friday, and a Touch-A-Truck event for youth on Saturday.

The photo above shows the official ribbon cutting, with Andrew Harrell holding the scissors, and others including Chamber president Adam Lund, executive director Margie Buentello, ambassadors from the Chamber, and Youth-Reach's director Curt Williams at right. The bank made this organization the recipient of a generous check to show their support for community groups.

The Grand Opening continues through April, with visitors eligible for prize drawings.

Photos courtesy of Katy Anderson, Bianca Beltran.



Frost Bank's Andrew Harrell presents a check to Curt Williams of Youth-Reach, for support of the work they do in the community.

## UCCU PRESIDENT/CEO DIES

### United Community Credit Union mourns Joe Harwell death

March 1, 2017 – It is with great sadness that United Community Credit Union mourns the loss of President/CEO, Joe Harwell. Known in the financial industry as a successful businessman and a passionate community supporter, Harwell leaves behind a legacy of leadership. The United Community staff describes him as a generous and inspiring mentor who considered everyone an extension of family.

Before succumbing to his battle with cancer, Harwell faithfully served United Community for over 20 years. He was also President of the Galena Park ISD Education Foundation Board, as well as a member of the Board of Directors for the East Houston Regional and Bayshore Medical Centers. Prior to joining United Community in 1995, he served as CEO of several other financial institutions, and

was a US Navy Veteran. Harwell was a dedicated leader and will be dearly missed. He is survived by his wife, Jie Harwell, as well as a host of family and friends.

A memorial will be held to celebrate Harwell's life and extensive contribution to the community. The memorial is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th at 2pm at Rosewood Funeral Home, 2602 S Houston Avenue, Humble, TX 77936. For additional information, or to leave words of encouragement, please visit www.Rosewood.cc.

Today, United Community Credit Union boasts more than \$92 million in



assets and nearly 12,000 members due to Harwell's leadership.

Any public inquiries regarding Mr. Harwell, or his passing, should be directed to Mac McDermott or Shalonda Dawkins at 713.674.5778.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Missionaries prayed for at Crosby Church



Folks from all over the globe came to Crosby to pray for missionaries and their missions on Saturday. Above pastor Keenan Smith huddles attendees near the close of service for a final few moments of prayer to protect the integrity of missionaries and to protect them from discouragement and to anoint them with awareness of Holy Presence in their work.

## GCCISD Principals of the Year



Betty Baca (middle), Elementary Principal of the Year, receives an iPad from Macie Schubert (front left) and Yvonne Silva (right) from Community Resource Credit Union. Baca, principal at Harlem Elementary, also is congratulated by Al Richard (back left), president of the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees and Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, at a recent board meeting.



Yvonne Silva (second from right) and Macie Schubert (right) from Community Resource Credit Union present an iPad to Goose Creek CISD's Secondary Principal of the Year Matt Bolinger (second from left) from Baytown Junior School at a recent meeting of the board of trustees. Congratulating Bolinger are Al Richard (left), president of the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees, and Randal O'Brien (middle), Goose Creek CISD superintendent.

Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Crosby Community Center February events

**Crazy for Canasta!** Thursdays at 10 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and stay for an enjoyable afternoon of cards.

**Train Dominoes:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. Join in the fun of playing Train with fellow domino players.

**Pickleball:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. Played with a paddle, wiffle-style ball, and net, pickleball is the latest craze to sweep the nation. Open to participants of all fitness levels ages 50 and better.

**Quilting Classes:** Thursdays at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Take this opportunity to quilt, share ideas, and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. Quilters of all experience levels can attend these sessions.

**Party Bridge:** Thursdays at 1 p.m. Play party bridge every Thursday and meet other intermediate level bridge players from the Lake Houston area. This class is not suitable for beginners.

**Boot Camp Aerobics:** Thursdays at 6 p.m. Come exercise and have fun at the same time.

**Aerobics With Melissa:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. Boost your energy, stamina, and flexibility with certified aerobics instructor Melissa Turner.

**Sit and Sew:** Mondays at 9 a.m. Take this opportunity to quilt, share ideas, and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. Create donation quilts for local needs.

**Dominoes:** Mondays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 9 a.m. Enjoy a friendly game of dominoes and meet players with similar interests.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings:** Mondays at 5:30 p.m. TOPS provides weekly educational and nutritional facts necessary to control weight.

**Kickboxing with Angelique:** Mondays at 6 p.m. Exercise with experienced fitness instructor Angelique Pool to achieve a toned body.

Crosby Community Center is a Precinct 2 Community Center located at 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs, please call (281) 462-0543.

### Crosby Education Foundation events

•March 25, 2017 Crosby Education Foundation hosts its first annual "Kids on A Big Rig". Families are invited to come and enjoy an up close look at a variety of farm equipment, emergency vehicles, heavy equipment, antique cars and trucks. Petting zoo, face painting, inflatable, concessions. \$5 per person, max \$20 family.

•March 31, 2017 Crosby Education Foundation hosts its 6th annual Golf Tournament. Stonebridge at Newport, more information contact CEF at 281-328-9200 ext. 1249. Registration is now open.

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# COMMUNITY/SCHOOL NEWS

## Sheldon ISD District Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations to our District Spelling Bee Champion Andreanna "Andy" Benavides (bottom right) and alternate Abraham Briones! Both are fourth graders!

Also pictured are judge Shannon Jackson, SISD Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Juan Duenas, judge Julie Roeder, and judge Dr. Brenda Emanuel. Benavides will represent Sheldon in the upcoming Area Spelling Bee April 1 in Houston.



## Board recognizes students of the month for February

Members of the Sheldon ISD school board recognized the district's Students of the Month for February.

Pictured (from left) are Fred Rivas, School Board President; Abraham Briones, Carroll Elementary; Cindy Gavazos, King Middle School; Demarcus Dickerson, Gravens Early Childhood Academy; Kendyl Johnson, Garrett Elementary; Dayal Perez, Sheldon Early Childhood Academy; Fernando Cardenas, Royalwood Elementary; Emily Cruz, Sheldon Elementary; Jaden Garrison, Null Middle School; Chassity Rizo, Monahan Elementary; Brayan Alvarado, KASE Academy; Marie Fansi, King High School; and King Davis, SISD Superintendent. Not pictured is Anthony Delgado, Early College High School.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Chamber Luncheon

Friday - March 3, 2017, 11:30 AM @ San Jacinto College N, 5800 Uvalde Rd. (Inside the Monument Room of the Student Center). Sponsored by: East Houston Regional Medical Center. RSVP by February 28th: \$20. RSVP after February 28th: \$25. RSVP to blanca@ncchamber.com, or call 713-450-1114.

### Galena Park ISD Summer Camps

Galena Park ISD is proud to offer enriching camps and activities for our GPISD students this summer. The summer camps will be held in various locations across the district and throughout the summer. Registration will begin on Wednesday, March 1 through Wednesday, March 22. Visit our website at <http://galenaparkisd.com/summerCamps.php> to see the complete list of camps.

### The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

### Galena Park Senior Dance

Senior Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

### North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

### San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Lyondell-Basell on Sheldon Road at noon. For more information, please visit [www.SanJacintoPilot.com](http://www.SanJacintoPilot.com).

### Safety meeting

The monthly safety meeting has changed to Monday, March 13, 2017 at 8:30 am at the East Freeway HPD Storefront, 12001-A East Freeway, Houston, Texas.

### North Channel Library book sale

Book sale, Friday and Saturday, March 3 & 4, 2017. Library located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., 77049. 281-457-1631.

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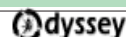


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CAPITOL UPDATE

State Senator Brandon Creighton

Sen. Creighton files prolife Bill protecting doctors

Senate Bill 25 Would Reduce Pressure on Physicians to Advocate for Abortion

Austin, TX – Today, Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) took a stand for the unborn with a bill intended to protect doctors from legal pressure to recommend abortion. Based on legal precedent, doctors can be assigned liability for children born with abnormalities if they identified those abnormalities in utero and failed to advocate for termination, resulting in what's termed a "wrongful birth."

"It is unacceptable that doctors can be penalized for embracing the sanctity of life," said Creighton, a father of two. "It is especially disturbing to learn that the case law supporting damage awards for fetal abnormalities leans heavily on a Texas Supreme Court ruling made more than forty years ago. Because so many states have followed Texas' lead, it's incumbent on us to lead the way to a renewed embrace of life in America."

Sen. Creighton added the bill to his already full slate of proposed legislation that focuses on

economic empowerment and alleviating burdensome taxation on Texas families and job creators.

"It breaks my heart that courts have punished doctors for the birth of children with Down Syndrome or a missing limb," concluded Creighton. "Every child is precious and deserving of our protection."

With damage awards known to reach eight digits, doctors are under pressure to err on the side of advocating for abortion. Creighton's bill, "Prohibited Cause of Action: Wrongful Birth" has been assigned the number Senate Bill 25. It has the support of Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick.

"I commend Sen. Creighton for filing this important legislation, said Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. "The Texas Senate values the life of every child and will fight to protect the value and dignity of every life including those born with disabilities."

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OPINION

By Senator Sylvia Garcia



Standing up to Racial Profiling

Dear Reader,

On February 8, the Senate voted 20-11 in favor of Senate Bill 4 to ban "sanctuary cities" in Texas. This bill encourages local law enforcement to act as immigration officers. Inevitably, such policies lead to racial profiling by police, and gives our already overburdened police departments less time to focus on real crime. During the hearing, hundreds of concerned Texans and law enforcement officials from around Texas traveled to Austin to testify against the bill. While I couldn't vote in the committee, I was present into the early morning until every witness had a chance to express their views. Rest assured I will continue to fight against this bill at every turn.

New Committee Assignments

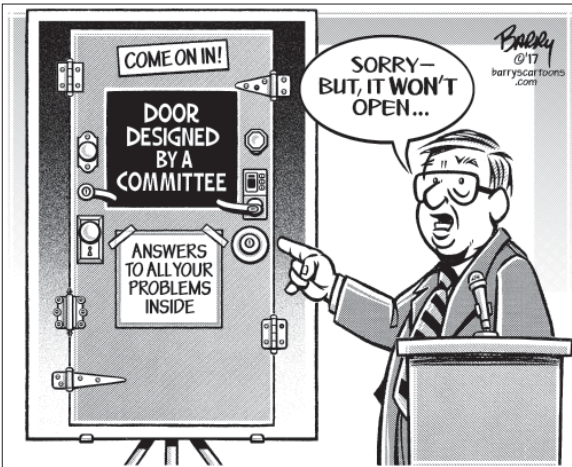
I am honored by my recent appointments to the Senate Committees on Criminal Justice, Intergovernmental Relations, Natural Resources and Economic Development, and Transportation. My presence on these committees during the 85th Legislative Session will give Senate District 6 a strong voice on some of the most pressing issues facing Texas today. As a member of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, I look forward to fighting for a more equitable criminal justice system, and a legal system that ensures justice for all Texans. As

a member of the Natural Resources and Economic Development Committees I will work to expand economic opportunities for our community while keeping environmental preservation at the forefront. I also look forward to advancing policies that aim to improve our infrastructure in the Transportation Committee, and ensuring that efficiency and transparency in local government are priority in the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

A MESSAGE FROM GARCIA

February is Black History Month; a time to reflect not only on the progress we have made, but on the distance we still must travel as we work towards equality in America. Heroes like Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. paved the way for the Voting Rights Act, yet our access to the ballot is still infringed upon today. While segregation in schools is illegal, our schools in communities of color are too often ignored and underfunded. We must not allow these efforts that infringe upon American values to silence us; we must continue the fight for future generations. The future of our neighborhoods, our education system, our right to vote, our state, and our country hang in the balance.

Putting people first,  
Sylvia R. Garcia



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TWO CENTS WORTH

By Charlie A. Farrar



Spring near the corner

Spring is so close one can smell it. That must be why all these sneezing fits have occurred. The neighbor's Arizona Ash tree is budding out and the other neighbor's pear tree will be in bloom once it gets a good drink of water as it is full of buds. Pear trees are so pretty full of white blossoms.

Spring will officially be here next month just after you turn your clock forward one hour to the time advance, although Spike cat will not know the difference as he likes to walk around the pillow before daylight so someone will go get his breakfast snack of Whiskas Temptations treats.

Spring Fever as defined by Ms Merriam-Webster is "a lazy or restless feeling often associated with the onset of spring". You can tell its spring when all the male dove start cooing to the nearest female dove. It is also time for the white perch AKA Crappie to bite. Actually the Crappie are already biting on Luce Bayou above Lake Houston.

Spring runs from March into May down here in Texas and at the end of spring is the beginning of hurricane season.

Spring is also the time to do your spring cleaning and, being the head janitor of the house the job has already begun. The biggest chore at the house is washing the fascia and eaves on the house; next biggest is the blinds and windows. Guess I'll have to turn the ceiling fans on high to dust. Don't care what she says, that's woman's work. About decided when she retires, I'm going back to work.

Drove to the fresh water pond in the big city last week to check out a crappie hole found over the web; hope to wet a hook this coming week, but weather forecast says it's going to be cold so Charlie might not make it.

Got a box of Jerusalem artichoke to plant one day this week, hope to have a pint or two of them pickled as Pop and Pearl Farrar grew them out at their place on the Liberty Hill Road. Pearl would pickle them and they were right tasty, crunchy too. Of course she would put a pod of red pepper in the jar for a bit of spice, hot but good.

We used to take the mattresses out each spring on a pretty day to air out; it was a job momma always had me help doing wrestling those heavy cotton mattresses out to the back yard for a day. Nowadays you have febreze.

Charlie Farrar can be reached via email at: xuseg@comcast.net

Federal judge sides with plaintiffs in Planned Parenthood case

AUSTIN — Texans who rely on Planned Parenthood as a medical care provider won't have to seek those services elsewhere, pending an upcoming trial.

In the lawsuit titled Planned Parenthood et al. v. Texas Health and Human Services Commission, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks of Austin on Feb. 21 granted a preliminary injunction to prevent the Texas Department of Health and Human Services from eliminating funding for Planned Parenthood in the state's 2017-18 budget.

"There is no legitimate public interest in allowing Texas to complete its planned terminations (of funding) based on the current facts," wrote Sparks. "Instead, the public interest favors enforcing the individual plaintiffs' rights and avoiding disrupting the health care of some of Texas's most vulnerable individuals."

Sparks found that an injunction would ensure that Medicaid recipients in Texas "will continue to have access to medical care at their chosen providers" and the Texas Department of Health and Human Service's termination of Planned Parenthood's provider agreements likely violates federal law.

Sparks ordered the plaintiffs and defendants to work out a schedule for presenting arguments within 30 days. The court will then schedule a trial date.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton expressed disappointment in the ruling and said he plans to file an appeal.

'Bathroom bill' continues

The Trump administration has reversed last year's Obama administration move to allow transgender students to use the bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice.

The civil rights divisions for the federal justice and education departments on

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



Feb. 22 issued a joint "Dear Colleague" guidance letter reversing the controversial move last May.

In late August, a Fort Worth federal district court enjoined nationwide enforcement of the Obama administration's directive.

Meanwhile, Senate Bill 6 by Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, is awaiting a hearing by the Texas Senate's State Affairs Committee.

The state legislation, considered a high priority by Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, would require transgender students to use facilities that match the biological sex they were assigned at birth.

Senate panel hears bill

The Senate Education Committee on Feb. 23 heard testimony on legislation that would prevent a teacher fired for sexual misconduct in one school district from getting hired by another district.

"We have to remove any possible obstacle to identify teachers or educators with this problem and pull their license," said Sen. Paul Bettencourt, author of Senate Bill 7.

SB 7 also would: - Create criminal penalties for any superintendent or principal who fails to notify the state of cases

of sexual misconduct involving teachers;

- Automatically revoke the teaching certificate of any teacher on deferred adjudication for sexual misconduct or on the sex offender registry; and

Require school districts to enact policies and training addressing contact between students and teachers on the Internet and social media.

Legendary jurist dies

Noted Texas jurist Jack Pope of Austin died at age 103 on Feb. 25.

Born in Abilene in 1913, Pope helped establish formal judicial education for Texas judges, fought for a voluntary judicial ethics code when judges had none and fought again to make that code mandatory and enforceable. He served for 38 years as a district court judge, court of appeals justice and on the Texas Supreme Court, the last two as chief justice. His judicial tenure, as a whole, was the longest of any Texas Supreme Court justice.

As a court of appeals justice, Pope's reassessment of water rights conveyed by Spanish and Mexican land grants changed Texas water law forever. As chief justice he forged a way to guarantee income to finance legal assistance for the poor. Concerned with double litigation in the same case, he won legislative support for statutory changes to thwart "forum shopping" for favorable judges.

More students take exam

Some 122,606 of Texas' 2016 high school graduates took at least one Advanced Placement Program exam during their high school careers, according to Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

Morath said the total amounts to 38.7 percent of Texas' graduating class. The national percentage is 36.2.

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LIFESTYLE

Lois “Geraldine” Davenport

Lois “Geraldine” Davenport- nurturer, music lover, entrepreneur and stunning redhead, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

Geraldine was born to Benjamin “Roy” Atchley and Joella Allen Atchley in the beautiful mountains of Honobia, Oklahoma on February 26, 1930. Growing up with her eight siblings led her to a life-long conviction that a family’s job is to gather- to work, to celebrate, to mourn, to hold each other accountable and to play (particularly music).

She met her husband Travis at a dance when she was 17. Not long after that, Geraldine left Oklahoma with her family to pick cotton in the south-western US, but it didn’t take long for Travis to follow. The two were married in the town now perfectly known as Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. They migrated to California and back to Oklahoma before settling in Crosby, Texas in 1950, where they eventually had their three children, Ronnie, Pam and Mike. For 69 years, they modeled an unflashy but deep and steady love for each other, even (and especially) through the heart-breaking loss of their son Mike.

Geraldine worked everywhere from the fields to the school cafeteria to The Buffalo Den to Baker’s grocery store. She was a dedicated and successful Avon representative for 46 years. She kept her make-up flawless, and when the corporation sent her



awards, she quietly stored them away in a drawer. Some of her very best work was done in her kitchen with a can of PET evaporated milk. If you’ve never used it in your mashed potatoes or cocoa, try it and think of her.

Among the gifts she shared with her family and friends throughout her life was her talent for playing piano and guitar by ear, her ability to crochet the softest baby blankets and her willingness to listen. She played her country music loud (the real kind) and read her Bible in the quiet. She served the yummiest ham and cheese sandwiches on thick, white bread and made the sweetest of sweet tea. And she could keep track of the weather across five different states and in multiple countries just so she could worry properly about her scattered brood.

In speaking and writing her final words, her emphasis was family. “First and foremost, take care of each other and be there when you are needed and always check to see if each other is O.K.” It is her family’s earnest intent to make her proud on this account.

Geraldine was preceded

in death by her parents, “Roy” Benjamin Atchley and Joella Allen Atchley; her brothers and sisters, Roy Ah Atchley Jr., Helen Eubanks, Larry Atchley, Kenneth Atchley, Wanda June Metcalf, Jeanette Kostka, her son Mike Davenport; and son-in-law, Ralph Blaha.

She is survived by husband, Travis Lindy Davenport; brother, Don Atchley and sister, Joan Dailing; son, Ronald Travis Davenport and wife, Donna of Crosby; daughter, Pam Blaha of Crosby; daughter-in-law, Melinda Arwine and husband Les Arwine and like-a-son, Wendel Johnson of Franklin; grandchildren, Amy and Chad Blaha and their children - Audrey and Travis, Shelley and Scott Stevens and their son - Owen, Ginny and Brad Blaha and their children - Tripp, Brodey, Abby and Gabe, Jennifer and John Dabkowski, Rhonda and Jared Barrett and their daughters, Riley and Tori, and Rebecca and Joe Martens; and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Special Thank you to Mary Cleveland, her hairdresser; her care-givers, Donna Morris, Susan Greenwood and Shylah Sexton

In lieu of flowers, pleased donate to The American Heart Association

Visitation will be on Monday, February 27, 2017 from 5:00 to 8:00 p. at Earthman Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 10:00 am at First Baptist Church in Crosby, TX. Interment will follow at Sterling White Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

Sarah Cornelia Jones

Sarah Cornelia Jones, 85, of Spring, Texas, formerly of Houston, Texas, passed into her heavenly home on February 25, 2017.

Sarah was born August 06, 1931 in Burke County, Georgia. She was a member of Dell Dale Avenue Baptist and a former member of Uvalde Baptist in which she was very active with the Keenagers and the Ladies Auxillary for many years. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who loved crafting, sewing, needlepoint and beadwork. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Lawrence A. Jones; daughters, Cynthia M. Jones and Constance Jean Davis; and by grandchildren, Scott Davis & wife, Jennifer and Stephen Davis & wife, Samantha; three great-grandchildren, Savannah Davis, Charlie Davis and Will Davis.

A visitation and service to celebrate her life will be held Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Dell Dale Avenue



Baptist Church, 402 Dell Dale Avenue, Channelview, Texas with Pastor Danny Kilcoyne officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with services starting at 10:00 a.m. She will be laid to rest in San Jacinto Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m. under the direction of Carter Conley Funeral Home.

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  4. What was the river the Israelites crossed when they entered Canaan? Pison, River of Fire, Jordan, Tigris
  5. From 1 Kings 20, what city's walls fell on 27,000 men? Jericho, Samaria, Sodom, Aphek
  6. Who sold his birthright to his brother? Cain, Esau, Judas, Isaiah
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**MARCH BIRTHSTONES**  
For the lucky individuals born in March, two birthstones are associated with this early spring month: aquamarine and bloodstone.

Both stones are very different from one another in appearance, but each share a similar symbolism of preserving or enhancing the health of the wearer. Learn more about each March birthstone by browsing the links below.

**AQUAMARINE OVERVIEW**  
The serenely colored aquamarine invokes the tranquility of its namesake, the sea. In fact, the name aquamarine is derived from the Latin word aqua, meaning water, and marina, meaning the sea.

Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones, and darker blue stones are very valuable. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique.

Like emeralds, this gemstone is actually a variety of a mineral called beryl. Large stones have been found all over the world, including one stone found in Brazil that weighed over 240 pounds. Aquamarine grows in large, six-sided crystals that can be up to a foot long, making it a great gem to be cut and polished in larger carats for statement pieces.

Not only is aquamarine one of the March birthstones, it's also used to celebrate 19th wedding anniversaries. It's a beautiful

stone with little or no yellow in it, so it looks great in many settings with different colored metals and gemstones.

**AQUAMARINE HISTORY**  
This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene blue or blue-green color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded.

In the Middle Ages, many believed that the simple act of wearing aquamarine was a literal antidote to poisoning. The Romans believed that if you carved a frog into a piece of aquamarine jewelry, it would help to reconcile differences between enemies and make new friends.

Still, other historical groups took this lore even further, using aquamarine as gifts to the bride at a wedding in order to symbolize long unity and love. Some even believed it could re-awaken love between two people.

The Sumerians, Egyptians, and Hebrews all admired aquamarine, and many warriors would wear it into battle to bring about victory. Many ancient medicines used powder from aquamarine to help cure all manner of infection, but it was said to be particularly good for eye ailments.

The stone is also considered to be a great addition to mental health and is used widely as a symbol in Tarot as well as a meditation aid and is said to help one cultivate more inner tranquility. It is also considered by some to be a great aligner of the spiritual and the physical, for

those who feel out of harmony or alignment with oneself.

No matter how you use aquamarine, either as a piece of jewelry or as an aid in a spiritual journey, its cool, tranquil color is the perfect complement to any skin tone or setting.

**BLOODSTONE OVERVIEW**  
The second birthstone for March is bloodstone, a dark-green stone flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this stone are India, Brazil, and Australia.

Bloodstone is also called heliotrope, a word from the ancient Greek that means "to turn the sun." Many believe it was probably named such because of ancient ideas about how minerals reflect light. In fact, some believed that the sun itself would turn red if this stone was put into water.

Bloodstone is sometimes also known as another name, Blood Jasper. But really these stones are chalcedony, a crypto crystalline quartz. There are two forms of bloodstone: one is more transparent (heliotrope) with red spots while the other is more opaque (plasma) and has little or no red spots.

For those looking for a good quality bloodstone, it is generally considered that a solid green color with visible veins of red is best. It also comes in many shapes and cuts including traditional cuts like emerald, oval, and cushion.

Bloodstone may not have the overt beauty of aquamarine, but many prize this stone for its symbolism and other properties.

**BLOODSTONE HISTORY**  
This ancient stone was used by the Babylonians to make seals and amulets and was believed to have healing powers—especially for blood disorders. It is sometimes called the martyr's stone as legend tells that it was created when drops of Christ's blood stained some jasper at the foot of the cross.

Many other ancient cultures believed bloodstone had magical powers, with some references to its ability to heal dating back to 5000 BC.

The Babylonians used bloodstone in their divination. The Egyptians prized bloodstone because they believed it helped them to magically defeat their enemies.

They also believed it increased their strength or made them invisible.

Still others believed that bloodstone could help control or change the weather, win legal battles, or give the gift of prophecy. It was so loved for its properties, many used the stone in jewelry, signet rings and even small cups or statuettes.

Today, many still cherish bloodstone as a lucky charm or amulet and is prized by athletes or those who wish to increase their personal strength. Some believe it helps with mental clarity or increasing creativity or even boosting overall energy.

No matter how you use or wear bloodstone, it's a unique stone great for everyday use when you want to look good or even feel good.

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Cobb student earns blue ribbon for rodeo art

Sophia Martinez, a third grader from Channelview ISD's Cobb Elementary, was chosen out of thousands of students as a Blue Ribbon Winner of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Coloring Book Contest. In addition to her ribbon, she received four passes for her and her family to attend the rodeo this year. Martinez is a student in Hazel DeLaFuente's homeroom.



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OBITUARIES

Geraldine Duncan



Geraldine Duncan, 82, passed away February 28, 2017 surrounded by her family in Dayton, Texas. Geraldine was born April 25, 1934 to parents Gilbert and Bertha (Nickels) Owens in Hamilton, Ohio.

She was a loving mother and grandmother who showed her love as a homemaker while caring for her family. Geraldine enjoyed the beauty of nature while spending time outdoors watching hummingbirds and camping when she was able. She also enjoyed listening to music and spending time with her family. Geraldine was a member of Dell Dale Baptist Church and appreciated the fellowship of her church family.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Jesse Everett Duncan, Jr. and Gordon Trott; daughter, Rebecca Duncan Geringer; and granddaughter, Martie Elizabeth Menge.

Geraldine is survived by her daughter, Dedria Menge and husband Michael; sisters and brother, Kaye Benson, Geneva Weeks, Richard Owens and wife Linda;

grandson, John Geringer; great grandchildren, Connor Carpenter, Caleb and Caitlynn Fontenot; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Visitation and services will be held Friday, March 3, 2017 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Friends are welcome to join the family for visitation at 11:00 a.m. and the funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. She will be laid to rest in San Jacinto Memorial Park privately under in the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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PROPOSED PERMIT NUMBER: 137433

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. G & C Coatings & Industrial Services, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 137433, which would authorize construction of Surface Coating Facilities located at 7450 Miller Road 2, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77049. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 6, 2016. The proposed facility will emit the following contaminants: hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.  
The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Harris County Public Library North Channel Branch, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas.  
PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.  
RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.83278&lng=-95.14222&zoom=13&type=r>.  
MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.  
AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 800-687-4040.  
Further information may also be obtained from G & C Coatings & Industrial Services, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Camaron Cox, Owner at (281) 862-9001.  
Notice Issuance Date: February 9, 2017

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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS  
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5  
Sealed Proposals ("Proposals") for the Construction of a New Driveway and Site Paving for Station No. 2 will be received by the Architect for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 5 (HCESD 5) until **2:00 p.m., March 16, 2017**, and then publicly opened at the District's meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at the meeting place of the District, located at 5915 F.M. 2100, Crosby, Texas 77532 (in the Board Room).  
The Sealed Proposals shall be labeled on the outside of the envelope as follows:  
Harris County ESD No. 5  
Station 2 Driveway and Site Paving Project  
SEALED PROPOSAL. DO NOT OPEN IN MAIL.  
The full Request for Proposals, including proposal requirements, selection criteria and other necessary information may be obtained from the office of the Architect, BGK Architects, at 99 Detering, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77007, (713) 864-0058.  
A Proposal Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check payable to "Harris County Emergency Services District No. 5 in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the Owner's construction budget must accompany each proposal. PROPOSALS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ACCOMPANYING PROPOSAL SECURITY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PROPOSER.  
Bonds are required for this project. The successful proposer shall be required to obtain a performance bond as stipulated in the Request for Proposal documents. In addition to the required performance bond, the proposal security, in one of the forms mentioned above, is required for a proposal to be considered.  
HCESD 5 reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any informalities incidental thereto. The contract, if any, will be awarded to the proposer presenting a proposal most advantageous to HCESD 5, based on the selection criteria as referenced in the Request for Proposals documents.  
Mr. John Strawbridge  
Board President  
Harris County ESD No. 5

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